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The Disappearance of Libyan Oppositionist Mansur Kikhia

Summary

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The available evidence suggests that prominent Libyan dissident Mansur Kikhia was abducted by Libyan operatives. Kikhia's disappearance comes on the heels of [REDACTED] that indicate Libyan leader Qadhafi is intent on reactivating Tripoli's longstanding program to eliminate leading Libyan exiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kikhia arrived in Cairo on 29 November to attend a meeting of the Arab Organization for Human Rights (1-2 December) and afterwards visited family members in Alexandria. He returned to Cairo to meet his brother--a Libyan resident--on 11 December and planned to depart for Paris on 12 December. Kikhia failed to meet his brother who persuaded the hotel management to allow him into Kikhia's room on 12 December. Kikhia was gone but his possessions remained, including his insulin for diabetes. [REDACTED]

The Libyan Hand

There is strong circumstantial evidence that the Libyan government abducted Kikhia, who was once Libya's foreign minister and has long been on Tripoli's short list for assassination. [REDACTED]

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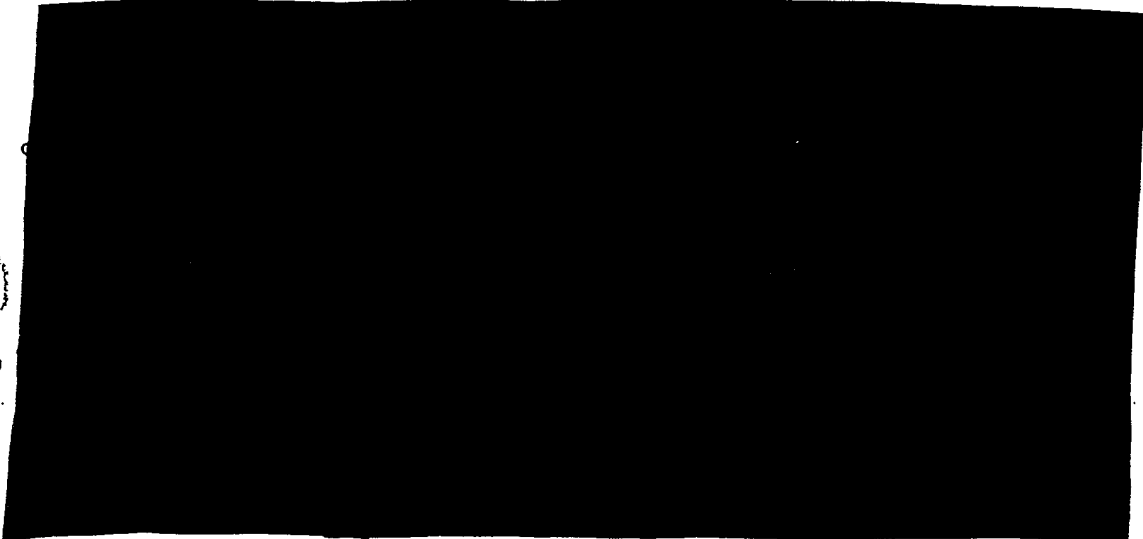
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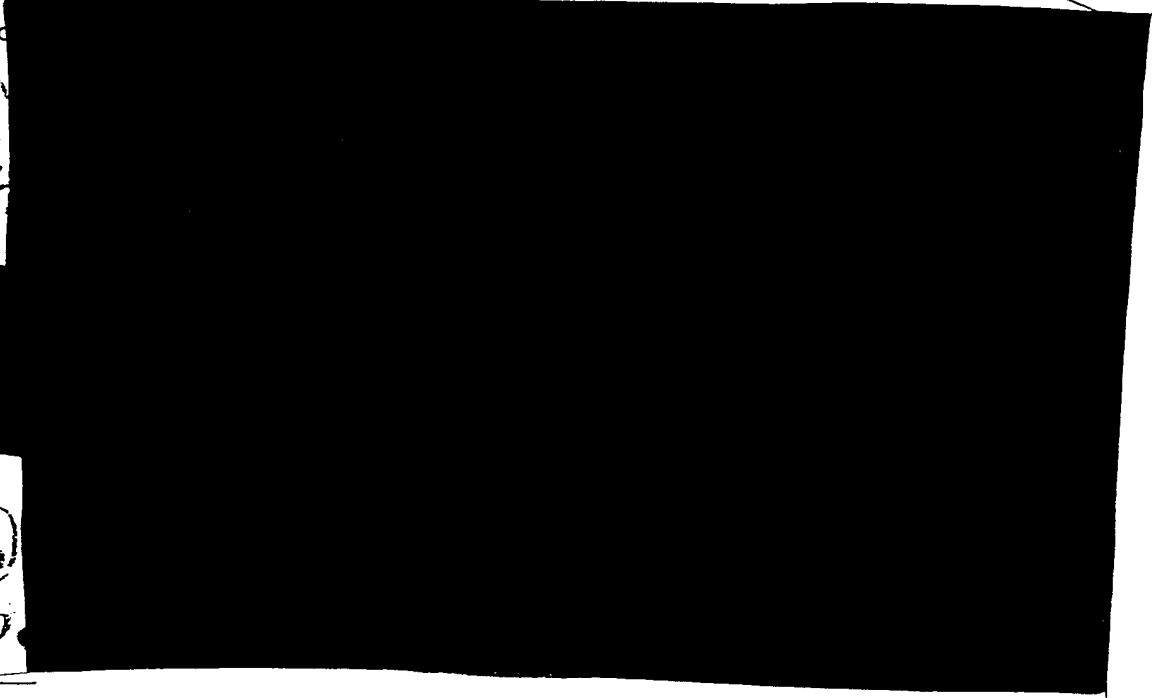
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There are other indicators that Tripoli may have stepped up pursuit of oppositionists:

- o On 12 December, Qadhafi publicly vowed to crush Libyan oppositionists in exile and called for the assassination of Munim al-Huni, a prominent Egypt-based Libyan oppositionist.
 - o In several speeches over the past two months, Qadhafi has accused Libyan oppositionists of working for US intelligence agencies.
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